



Supreme Court of Illinois

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JUSTICE LLOYD A. KARMEIER TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS IN COLLINSVILLE

Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier of the Illinois Supreme Court will administer the attorney's oath to 82 new lawyers on Thursday, May 5 in the Fifth Judicial District.

The group is among 518 individuals who will be sworn in and admitted to the practice of law in Illinois during bar admission ceremonies held in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The ceremony in the Fifth Judicial District will begin at 2 p.m. at Gateway Center, 1 Gateway Dr. in Collinsville. Media coverage is invited.

Justice Karmeier will preside over the ceremony.

The speaker for the bar admission ceremony will be Ms. Sonni C. Williams, deputy corporation counsel for the City of Peoria. Ms. Williams serves as secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association and is a Commissioner on the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

Retired Justice Philip J. Rarick will make the motion to admit the class. Justice Rarick began his judicial career in 1975 as a judge in the Third Judicial Circuit and served on the Fifth District Appellate Court and the Illinois Supreme Court. This year marks Justice Rarick's 50th year as an Illinois attorney.

Attorneys Mark J. Tungate of Flora, Bob L. Perica of Wood River, and Stephen M. Szewczyk of Swansea will second the motion. They all have children who will take the attorney's oath during the ceremony.

Justice Karmeier will rule on the motion and administer the oath. A reception hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association will follow the ceremony.

Guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will include: Clay County State's Attorney Sherri L.E. Tungate, a retired Circuit Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and a parent of a candidate for bar admission; Circuit Judge Zina R. Cruse of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit; and Circuit Judge William A. Mudge of the Third Judicial Circuit.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and a required ethics examination and were certified by the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys sworn in at the May 5 bar admission ceremonies will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 96,500. In addition to Collinsville, ceremonies will be held Thursday in Springfield, Ottawa, Elgin, and Chicago.

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The Fifth Judicial District is composed of the following counties: Alexander, Bond, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Shelby, St. Clair, Wabash, Wayne, Washington, White, Williamson, and Union.

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